

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1080

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DRIP IRRIGATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated under Drip Irrigation scheme for the districts of Gujarat during the last three years;
- (b) Whether the State Government has sought increase in funds under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in regard to the demand;
- (d) whether any report from the State Government has been sought in regard to the utilization of funds;
- (e) whether the State Government has apprised the Union Govt. of the existing situation of drought in these districts; and
- (f) if so, the funds allocated to the State Government for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) Details of funds allocated for Drip Irrigation in the State of Gujarat during the last three years is given below:

Year Funds released
(Rs. in lakh)

2002-03	182.78
2003-04	188.55
2004-05	654.22

- (b) & (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture- Supplementation / Complementmentation of State Efforts through Work Plan, an additional allocation of Rs. 968.10 lakh was provided to the Government of Gujarat based on their proposal. The additional allocation included Rs. 417.50 lakh for plasticulture application including drip irrigation.

- (d) As required under rules, the State Government was requested to furnish utilization certificate of the funds released to them.

- (e) & (f) In May, 2005, the Govt. of Gujarat had informed that parts of three districts in the State viz. Banaskantha, Kutch & Sabarkantha districts are reported to be facing semi-scarcity conditions. No Memorandum was, however, received from the State Government seeking Central assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).